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REMARKS

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1. Prior to 8 December 1952, the barracks installation on Schumke Lake near Rehagen was occupied by an estimated 2,300 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets. From 26 November to 8 December, up to 100 troops were constructing landing piers and foot bridges at Schumke Lake and 40 to 60 troops engaged in the construction of a pile-bent bridge across the Schumke Graben (trench). Up to 50 troops were repeatedly seen firing with rifles.

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2. Prior to 8 December, the Eisenbahnkaserne was occupied to capacity by an estimated 2,500 to 2,800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia. Four trucks occupied by a total of 60 soldiers and towing 3 x 85-mm AA guns, and a searchlight on a two-axle chassis were seen leaving the installation heading toward Muehlenberg (hill) near Kammersdorf, where the troops engaged in aiming practice. The searchlight was emplaced about 200 meters from the guns.

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3. On 20 November, 15 x 85-mm AA guns, 12 x 76.2-mm AA guns, and 12 heavy machine guns on tripods were lined up in the Pioneer Kaserne in Rehagen. The large air raid bunker near Eusenberg (hill) will be reconditioned. Construction material was being hauled there and the area was being cleaned.

4. In mid-November, only little activity was observed in the Pioneer Kaserne. On 19 November, 12 troops supervised by an officer practiced mine laying in the barracks yard. all German employees had been dismissed. All German women employed at the Soviet supply depot at the Kammersdorf firing range had also been dismissed.

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5. On 25 and 26 November, the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne was occupied by an AAA unit. [ ] the occupation strength was about 700 to 800. Seven colonels, 7 lieutenant colonels and about 50 to 60 other officers were in the installation. On 25 November, 12 x 85-mm AA guns were lined up in the barracks yard and 4 x 37-mm AA guns were in front of a shed. No training activity was observed. [ ] all German employees had been dismissed.<sup>4</sup>

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6. On 2 November, 3, 6 and 4 railroad carloads of coal were unloaded for Reboruk, Dobrachevski and Siyenin (all fnu) respectively.

1. [ ] Comment. The 35th Engr Regt (US) of the Third Gds Recz Army is confirmed in the barracks installation on Schumbe Lake. It is believed that the strength figure in paragraph 1 should be 1,150.

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2. [ ] Comment. The bulk of the 2d Gds AAA Div is confirmed in the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne [ ] Judging from the large number of senior officers mentioned in paragraph 5 of the present report, the Hq 2d Gds AAA Div may also be stationed there. [ ]

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